

Dear Committee,

I am a parent of a child with special needs, in fact I have two children with special needs.

In the wake of all the suicides, Sandy Hook etc.. I am urging you to oppose this bill.

These children often do not receive the proper assistance they need to develop and grow into community members. We are struggling to be educated!!!

All too often I hear and meet people that are passed through the school system, including my own 2 children. They struggle with being different are bullied, singled out etc. all while they are trying to find their place in our society. With out the right education, executive function skills, hand writing skills, reading skills, etc.. they are often way behind. Who is supporting their rights to an education?

They need YOUR SUPPORT, they need to have the right supports in place so THEY CAN LEARN, develop and have a life in our communities.

Most of the clinicians, therapists, etc do not take insurance, nor Husky, etc.. We need your support so they do not become part of the "system" so they can lead independent lives, go to school, learn etc.. I can not attend the meeting today as I have to work to support all the additional services my children go to that are paid pout of pocket, not covered under any insurance. You can not even find doctors who are accepting new patients!! Try...call Yale NH and others.

Please VOTE NO to HB 5447.

Thank you in advance for your support....Their lives matter too!!!

Sincerely,
Diane Vergara (Parent)
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